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In re Application of:

Hiroji Hanawa, et al.

Serial No.: 09/638,075

Examiner: Rodney McDonald

Filed: August 11, 2000

Group Art Unit: 1753

For: EXTERNALLY EXCITED TORROIDAL PLASMA SOURCE

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

**Commissioner for Patents & Trademarks
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SIR:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment under 37 CFR 1.111 in the above-identified application in response to the Office Action dated August 7, 2002. The fee has been calculated as shown below.

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(paper no. 14), please amend the above-identified patent application
as follows:

In the claims:

Please add the following claims:

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38. The plasma reactor of Claim 27 wherein said conduit is
formed of a metal material, said conduit having an insulating gap
within a wall of the conduit extending transversely to said
torroidal path and separating said conduit into two portions so as
to prevent formation of a closed electrical path along the length
of said conduit.

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39. The plasma reactor of Claim 33 wherein said ~~vacuum~~
enclosure comprises a longitude side wall and an overlying lateral